

Night Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Three wonders mark this holy day as the Church is joined to her heavenly Bridegroom.

This day a star leads the magi to the Christ-child.

Alleluia

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

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This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

Alleluia. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The King of all the World is Revealed to the Magi

This day a star leads the magi to the Christ-child.

Arise, shine out, for your light has come;

the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

The nations will come to your light,

and kings to your dawning brightness.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,

and proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your gates will lie open continually,

shut neither by day nor by night.

No more will the sun give you daylight,

nor moonlight shine upon you.

But the Lord will be your everlasting light,

your God will be your splendor.

Reading: St Matthew 2: 1,2, 8-11

Hymn:

From the eastern mountains, pressing on they come,

Wise men in their wisdom, to his humble home;

Stirred by deep devotion, hasting from afar,

Ever journeying onward, guided by a star.

There their Lord and Saviour meek as an infant lay,

Wondrous light that led them onward on their way,

Ever now to lighten nations from afar,

As they journey homeward by that guiding star.

Thou who in a manger once hast lowly lain,

Who dost now in glory o'er all kingdoms reign,

Gather in the peoples who in lands afar

Ne'er have seen the brightness of thy guiding star.

The Christ is Revealed in the Waters of Baptism

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

and I will be your God.

Reading: St Mark 1: 1-11

Hymn:

The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.

2. Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.

3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father's love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son's anointed head.

4. Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit's power
To shield them in temptation's hour.

The New Covenant is Revealed in the Water made Wine

This day water is made wine at the wedding feast.

I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice from the throne, saying,

'Behold, the dwelling of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them and they shall be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them.

Behold, I make all things new:

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift
from the spring of the water of life.'

Reading: St John 2: 1-11

Hymn:

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest,
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany;
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

**Prayers; Lord's Prayer.
The Blessing**